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By: Joerg BISCHOFF et al. Our reference: 50998-20057.00

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 6, 2005 (Paper No. Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20050330), for which a response is due on July 6, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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